



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Advent 3
15 December 2019
11 a.m.



You are very welcome to Ferryhill Parish Church. Please sit wherever you like. If you are visiting then please sign the visitors' book in the foyer. Children are always welcome and the foyer is available during the service should you wish to use it.

Please note that we live stream our worship online. If you do not wish to be seen on the broadcast stream, the seating below the gallery and in the gallery is beyond the view of the cameras.

Today's worship is led by:

Peter Johnston (Minister), Conor Fegan (Ministry Candidate)
Lorna Glen (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Noel Hughson (Beadle)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated this week by Linda Elder, in memory of Alice.



Gathering Praise

The day soon will come

Words: John L Bell, tune: LOCH LOMOND;

Based on Isaiah 49: 8-13

1. 'The day soon will come
when I'll stand by your side,
and I'll show you my face and my favour;
your cries I will answer; your tears I'll wipe away;
I will guard and protect you forever.'
*Let music fill heaven
and gladness fill hearth;
let the tall mountains sing with deep fervour,
for God will respond
to the cry of the poor
and will banish oppression forever.*
2. 'To you and to yours and to those far away
this promise I'll make for my people:
the fields which were barren
shall flourish once again,
and the land once abandoned I'll settle.'
Let music fill heaven...
3. 'Those hidden in darkness I'll call into light,
and prisoners I'll lead into freedom;
and none shall fear hunger
and none shall suffer thirst;
for their God, who is loving, will lead them.'
Let music fill heaven...
4. 'A highway across the tall mountains I'll make,
a road I'll prepare for my people;
from east and from west,
from all corners of the earth
I will gather the lost and the broken.'
Let music fill heaven...

Call to Worship

Leader: Dare we reimagine the world.
All: Dare we speak of hope in the silence.
 Leader: Dare we pour colour into the shadows.
**All: Dare we gather in such promise,
 with such vision,
 on the cusp of Incarnation.**
 Leader: Comfort, comfort now my people!
 Let us worship with one voice
**All: the One who brings us here
 along the Holy Way.**

Praise Comfort, comfort now my people CH 274

Welcome and Church Notices

What's in the Advent Box?

Lighting the Advent Candle

Leader: In the desert
All: flowers will bloom.
 Leader: On the highway
All: flowers will bloom.
 Leader: In the coldest hearts
All: flowers will bloom.
 Leader: In the darkest places
All: flowers will bloom.

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us the wrong we have done,
 as we forgive those who have wronged us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever.
 Amen.

The Desert's Gifts

Praise	Make way, make way	CH 279
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Children leave for Sunday Club

Reading	Isaiah 35: 1-10
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Praise	When out of poverty is born	CH 291
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Reflection

Message	Darkness in a Season of Light
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The Offering

Offering Praise	No wind at the window	CH 287
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Act of Dedication

Please remain standing

Here is our promise to you, O God,
 our promise of love
 in this gift
 to give ourselves over and over
 to the reshaping

and the redemption of this world.

May what we lay here
be gifts for the kingdom
that transform into justice
and grace and peace.

Amen.

Prayer for Others and Ourselves

Praise

Tell out my soul

CH 286

Sending

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all
evermore.

Sung Amen

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.
Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Christmas Services

Advent Sunday Services

- 11 a.m. **Morning Worship**
Explore the season of Advent each Sunday in December. Appropriate for all ages.

Tuesday 24 December 2019 Christmas Eve

- 10 a.m. **Christingle Preparation**
Families are invited to the Church Hall to prepare the Christingles for the evening service.
- 6:30 p.m. **Christingle Service**
A service for all ages to celebrate on Christmas Eve.
- 11 p.m. **Carols at the Kirk**
A selection of favourite carols as we prepare for Watchnight.
- 11:30 p.m. **Watchnight Service**
Join us to see in Christmas Day.

Wednesday 25 December 2019 Christmas Day

- 10 a.m. **Family Service**
*A short family service on Christmas morning.
 Children are invited to bring along one of their presents.*



A Kirk for All
 at Ferryhill





1. The **Big Christmas Card** is available in the foyer until Christmas. Please use it to send your Christmas greetings to your friends in the congregation and leave a donation to our nominated Advent charities Archway and Stella's Voice. You will also be saving precious time and even more precious natural resources.
2. **The Coffee Shop** is now closed for the Christmas period to give our volunteers some well-deserved time off. It will reopen on Monday 13 January.
3. **The Living Well Cafe** is for people with a diagnosis of dementia or memory problems and their carers and is open here on Thursday 19 December from 1-3 p.m. It offers a safe, friendly, relaxed and welcoming space with a variety of optional activities, crafts, singing and light exercise. There is some time to reminisce and play games! For further information please contact Rita King on 01224 572391.

Living Well are collecting tokens from the P&J newspaper for the chance to win a minibus. If you get the paper please cut the tokens out and put them in the box in the Atrium. Thank you.

4. **Christingle Preparation:** Families are invited to the Church Hall at 10 a.m. on Christmas Eve to prepare the Christingles for the evening service.
5. **Instant Neighbour:** Christmas can be a difficult time for many so please continue to bring donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to support those in need in our community.



Eco-Tip

Christmas gifts for kids

Instead of spending money on toys they'll be bored of by next week, try gifting experiences instead - like an outing to the skating rink, or a trip to see their favourite film.



Contacts

Please contact the Minister, Rev Peter Johnston, for information about Church Membership, Baptism, or being married in Church, or complete one of the cards available in the Hymn Book and hand it in as you leave.

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